

REMARKS

As acknowledged by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action, U.S. Patent Publication Serial No. 2002/0049009 to Rabenstein does not disclose that the fixing part 3 is “detachably connected to the root part 2”. This feature is specifically recited in new claims 18 and 22 and is further emphasized by the recitation that the fixing part 3 is subject to wear and is removable from the root part 2 in order to exchange a worn fixing part with an unworn fixing part. Support for this feature can be found on page 13, first full paragraph of the specification.

Nor do U.S. Patent No. 5,030,102 to Lang and U.S. Patent No. 3,458,936 to Schulz disclose that the fixing part is detachably connected to, and removable from, the root part. As the Examiner will note upon reviewing Schulz, each pin 20 is molded into the companion teeth as illustrated by Fig. 4 (col. 2, lines 14-15). Fig. 4 clearly shows that the root part 24 is fixedly anchored within the crown part 26. The same is true for Lang in which Fig. 4 clearly shows that the fixing part 3 is securely anchored in the crown part 2.

Since none of the applied references discloses a detachable/removable fixing part, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn, and that this application be forwarded to the Issue Branch.

Petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to June 20, 2007. *A check in the amount of \$450.00, as the Petition fee, which represents the difference between a three-month fee and the already paid one-month fee*, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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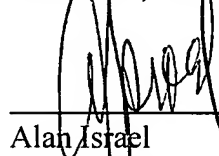
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